

FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPLYING SUBSTRATES

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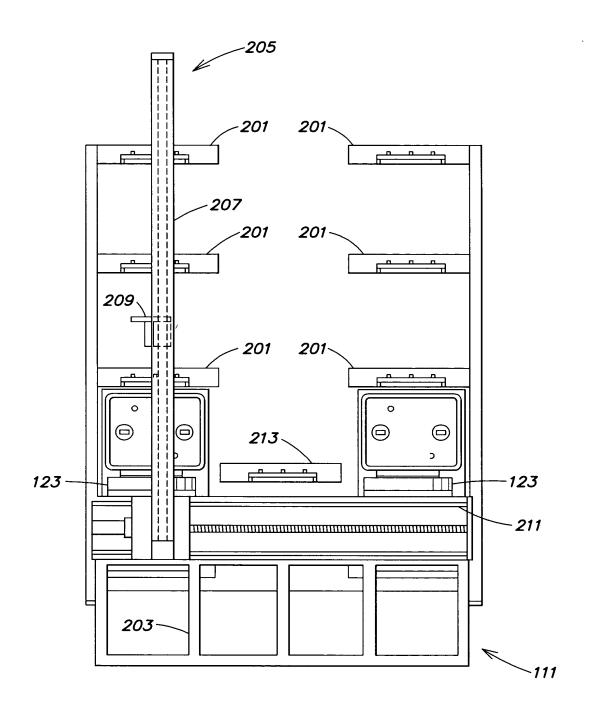


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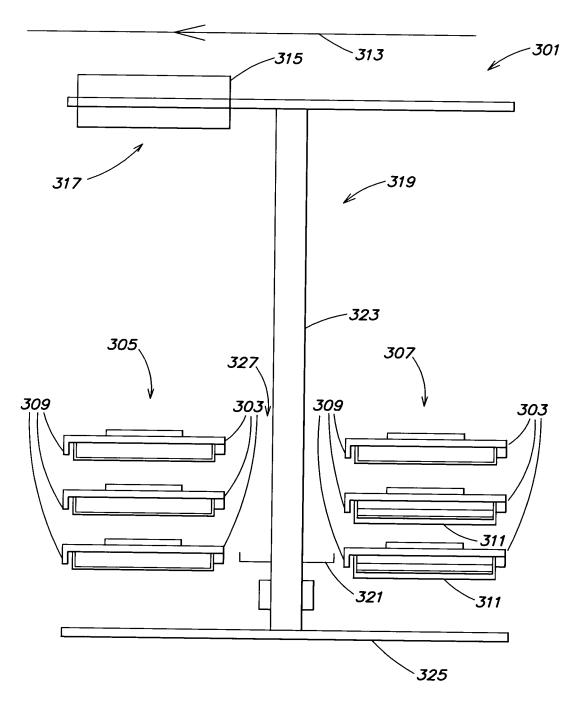


FIG. 3A

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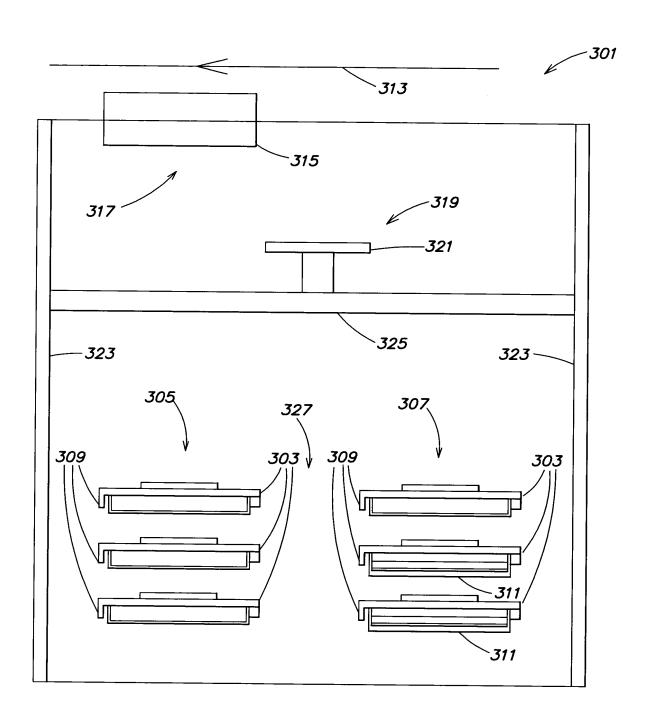


FIG. 3B

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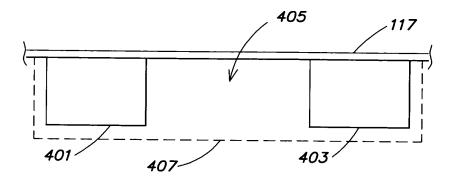


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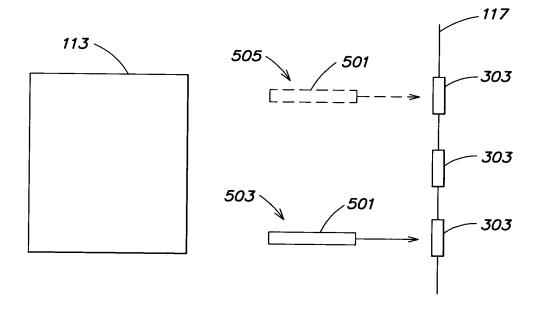


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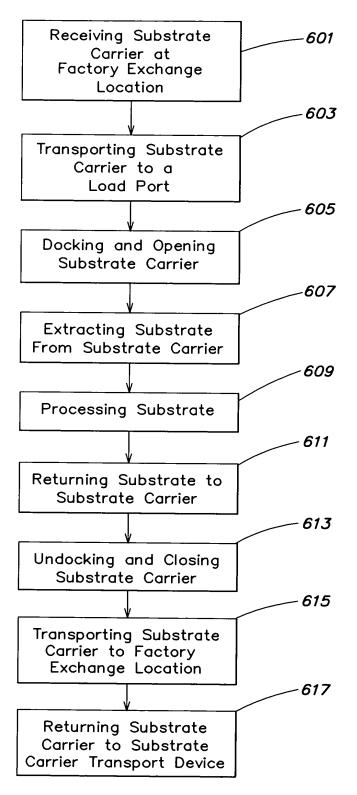


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